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Condemning all violent repression by the Government of the People's Republic of China of peaceful Uighur protests.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELAHUNT (for himself and Mr. ROHRABACHER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

Condemning all violent repression by the Government of the People's Republic of China of peaceful Uighur protests.

Whereas the U.S. Department of State has recognized and documented the Government of the People's Republic of China's repeated human rights abuses of the Uighur people;

Whereas the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom has recognized and documented the Government of the People's Republic of China's repeated human rights abuses of the Uighur people;

Whereas the People's Republic of China has initiated an official campaign to encourage Han Chinese migration into the traditional Uighur homeland, resulting in the Uighur population becoming a minority in East Tukestan and has placed immense pressure on those who seek to pre-

serve the linguistic, cultural and religious traditions of the Uighur people;

Whereas the U.S. House of Representatives has and continues to recognize that the authorities in the People's Republic of China have manipulated the strategic objectives of the international "war on terror" to increase their cultural and religious oppression of the Uighur people;

Whereas on June 25–26, 2009, in the Guangdong Province in the People's Republic of China, Uighurs residing in a toy factory dormitory were attacked by ethnic Han Chinese;

Whereas the Guangdong incident allegedly resulted in 2 Uighur deaths and 118 injuries although other sources suggest a higher death toll;

Whereas in response to the Guangdong incident, Uighur men and women protested peacefully to demand adequate investigation of the Guangdong incident;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China, in response to the Uighurs' peaceful protest, sent police and paramilitary forces in an excessive, violent use of force;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China's response to the Uighur protests has so far resulted in allegedly 156 deaths and more than 1,000 injuries;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China has detained roughly 1,434 people and continues to pursue other alleged wrongdoers;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China has taken steps to control information about the incident by attempting to block unofficial reports and discussions

and has reportedly cut internet, cell phone, and international telephone services in the region;

Whereas both the Han Chinese and Uighurs have suffered an unnecessary and equally tragic loss of life;

Whereas the diaspora leader of the Uighur people, Rebiya Kadeer, has been labeled by officials and the state-run media in the People's Republic of China as the mastermind of the above said protests; and

Whereas Rebiya Kadeer supports democracy and a peaceful resolution of the differences between the Uighur people and the People's Republic of China: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) condemns all violent repression by the Gov-  
3       ernment of the People's Republic of China of peace-  
4       ful Uighur protests;

5               (2) expresses sadness at the loss of both Han  
6       Chinese and Uighur life during the recent upheavals;

7               (3) calls on the Government of the People's Re-  
8       public of China to honor its Constitution's guaran-  
9       tees for freedoms of speech and association, distin-  
10      guish between acts of peaceful protest and acts of vi-  
11      olence, and not treat peaceful protest as a crime;

12              (4) calls on the Government of the People's Re-  
13      public of China to allow access by diplomats and  
14      other international observers to the trials of people  
15      charged with protest-related crimes;

1           (5) calls upon the Government of the People's  
2     Republic of China to allow international observers  
3     and journalists immediate and unfettered access  
4     where the protests took place;

5           (6) calls upon the Government of the People's  
6     Republic of China to provide details about each per-  
7     son detained or charged with a crime, including each  
8     person's name, the charges (if any) against each  
9     person, the name and location of the prosecuting of-  
10    fice and court handling each case, and the name of  
11    each facility where a person is detained or impris-  
12    oned;

13          (7) calls on the Government of the People's Re-  
14    public of China to release any innocent individuals  
15    involved in the protest incidents and not seek the  
16    death penalty in those cases in which individuals  
17    were peacefully lodging their dissent;

18          (8) calls on the Government of the People's Re-  
19    public of China to immediately conduct an adequate,  
20    legitimate investigation of the mob violence against  
21    the Uighurs occurring in the Guangdong Province  
22    with the consultation and involvement of inter-  
23    national human rights nongovernmental organiza-  
24    tions such as Amnesty International;

1           (9) calls on the Government of the People's Re-  
2       public of China to immediately end all violent repres-  
3       sion of peaceful Uighur protests;

4           (10) calls on the Government of the People's  
5       Republic of China to end its slander of Rebiya  
6       Kadeer; and

7           (11) calls on the Government of the People's  
8       Republic of China to end its human rights abuses  
9       and repression of the Uighur people.

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